The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

23rd February 2025 9.00am



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St Andrew's Church WALKERVILLE

St Andrew's is a Christ-centred, sacramental, inclusive, thinking, praying and prayerful, missionoriented faith community

Today's Service

9.00am Holy Communion (sung)

Celebrant:

The Rev'd Tracey Gracey

Processional Hymn (please stand)

- 1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy, there is none beside thee perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- 4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty, all thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Greeting

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever.

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**

Sentence of the Day

Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. *Luke 6:35*

Prayer of Preparation

Let us pray

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie (sung)

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.



Gloria (sung) Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray God of compassion, keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son, who prayed even for his enemies. In our words and deeds help us to be like him, through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. **Amen**.

First Reading: Genesis 45: 3-11, 15 *After the reading* Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Psalm 37: 1-11, 40-41

¹ Do not vie with the wicked: or envy those that do wrong; ² For they will soon wither like the grass: and fade away like the green leaf. ³ Trust in the Lord and do good: and you shall dwell in the land and feed in safe pastures. ⁴ Let the Lord be your delight: and he will grant you your heart's desire. ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord: trust him, and he will act. ⁶ He will make your righteousness shine as clear as the light: and your innocence as the noonday. ⁷ Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him: do not be vexed when someone prospers, when they put their evil purposes to work. ⁸ Let go of anger and abandon wrath: let not envy move you to do evil. ⁹ For the wicked shall be cut down: but those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land. ¹⁰ In a little while the ungodly shall be no more: you will look for them in their place, but they will not be found.
¹¹ But the meek shall possess the land: and enjoy the abundance of peace.
⁴⁰ Deliverance for the righteous shall come from the Lord: he is their strength in time of trouble.
⁴¹ The Lord will help them and deliver them: he will save them from the ungodly and deliver them, because they come to him for refuge.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 35-50

After the reading

Hear the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (please stand)

- Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm doth bind the restless wave, who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
- 2. O Saviour, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard, who walkedst on the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage didst sleep:

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

3. O sacred Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude, and bad'st its angry tumult cease, and gavest light and life and peace: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea. 4. O Trinity of love and power, our brethren shield in danger's hour; from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go: and ever let there rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

William Whiting (1825–78)

Gospel Reading: Luke 6: 27-38

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter six, beginning at the twenty-seventh verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel the reader says

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** *Sermon – Celebrant*

Affirmation of Faith (please stand)

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions (please sit or kneel) – <u>refer to Cycle of Prayer on page 20</u> Let us pray for the world and for the church.

The response to each petition is: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

HOPE25 Prayer:

God of Hope you call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world; by your Spirit awaken in us a true vision of your kingdom, a greater certainty of our salvation, and a deeper dedication to your service; that through our words and actions the same Spirit may bring many to celebrate the hope that we can have in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Parish prayer:

God our Father, you have made us members of Christ and of his church in this parish. May our worship be the offering of our hearts and lives to you. Help us to reach out in welcome to newcomers and visitors, to encourage and care for each other in friendship and fellowship, and to grow in grace, love and unity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

After the intercessions:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayer of Approach

Let us pray

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Confession

Jesus said: Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

A pause for reflection.

Let us confess our sins, knowing that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

Offertory Hymn – during this hymn the bread and wine for Holy Communion will be presented, and the Collection taken

- 1. O changeless Christ, for ever new, who walked our earthly ways, still draw our hearts as once you drew the hearts of other days.
- As once you spoke by plain and hill or taught by shore and sea, so be today our teacher still, O Christ of Galilee.

- 3. As wind and storm their Master heard and his command fulfilled, may troubled hearts receive your word, the tempest-tossed be stilled.
- 4. And as of old to all who prayed your healing hand was shown, so be your touch upon us laid, unseen but not unknown.
- 5. In broken bread, in wine outpoured, your new and living way proclaim to us, O risen Lord, O Christ of this our day.
- 6. O changeless Christ, till life is past your blessing still be given; then bring us home, to taste at last the timeless joys of heaven.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Great Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, faithful God, always and everywhere, for with your only begotten Son and life-giving Spirit, you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing a universe of beauty and splendour, bringing light from darkness and order from chaos.

You formed us, male and female, in your image, and endowed us with creative power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us. You called us by name and searched us out, making a covenant of mercy, giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

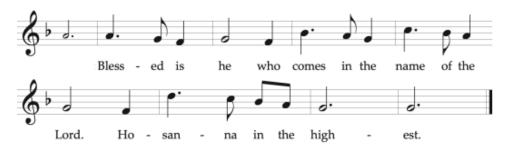
And so we praise you,

joining with your faithful people of every time and place, singing the eternal song: *(sung)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.





When the fullness of time was come, you sent your Son to be born of Mary.

Bright image of your glory,

he learnt obedience to you in all things,

even to death on a cross,

breaking the power of evil,

freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.

You raised him from death,

exalting him to glory, and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed

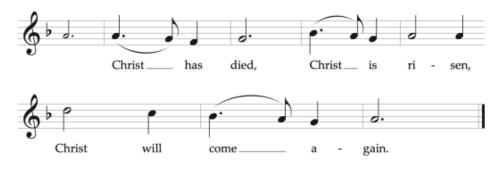
your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends, his companions on the way.

While at table he took bread,

blessed, and broke it, and giving it to them, said: 'Take, eat; this is my body.'

He took a cup of wine, and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Do this in remembrance of me.' Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: *(sung)*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

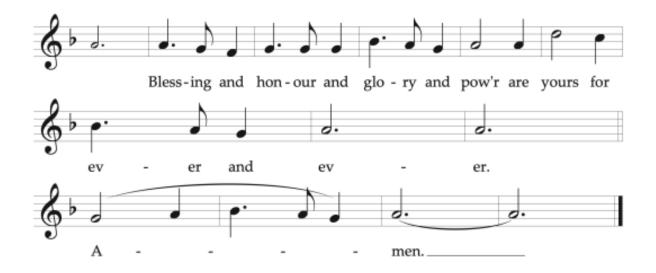


Therefore, living God, as we obey his command, we remember his life of obedience to you, his suffering and death, his resurrection and exaltation, and his promise to be with us for ever. With this bread and this cup we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration that all who eat and drink at this table may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people, may we proclaim the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever: *(sung)*

Blessing and honour, glory and power, are yours for ever and ever, Amen.



As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray: *(please sit or kneel)*

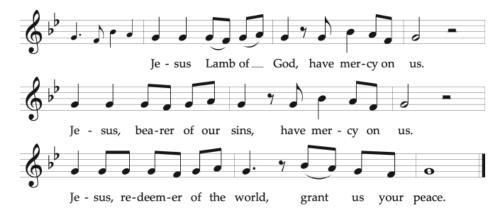
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread and Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body: **for we all share in the one bread.**

The congregation joins in the Agnus Dei (sung – music overleaf)

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.



Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

Administration of Communion

All who wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward at the appropriate time. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please also come forward and indicate this by bowing your head.

Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

We kindly ask that you receive the bread and wine separately rather than dipping the wafer into the cup.

Communion Hymn

- 1. Christ bids us break the bread and share the cup he gave, in token of the blood he shed for those he died to save.
- It was for us he came, to bear, by human birth, a crown of thorn, a cross of shame, for every child of earth.
- 3. The Saviour crucified in glory rose again: we here remember him who died, ascended now to reign.
- 4. Our hearts his word obey, in thankfulness and love: we feed on Christ by faith today and feast with him above.
- 5. O Christ, once lifted up that we might be forgiven, we take the bread and drink the cup and share the life of heaven.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray Bountiful God, at this table you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth in our lives; we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

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Final Hymn

- 1. Thou whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight, hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray let there be light.
- 2. Thou who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing healing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind, O now to all mankind let there be light.

3. Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy dove, speed forth thy flight; move o'er the waters' face, bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place let there be light.

4. Blessed and holy Three, glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might, boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light.

John Marriott (1780-1825)

Blessing & Dismissal

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world;

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Postlude - we sit in reflection

Please join us for a special morning tea after the service in the Parish Centre, to welcome The Rev'd Tracey Gracey.

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Contact forms are available for you to complete today. We would love to have your details so that we can keep you up to date with the life of the parish. Please ask one of our friendly welcomers for a form, and return it to them (or place it in the offertory bowl) when you have completed it. You can request a name tag on the sheet at the back of the church. Many thanks.

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HOPE 25 & Our Beginning

As we begin our journey together, the national Anglican Church is also launching HOPE 25, an initiative calling parishes to build deeper connections with the wider community. This is an opportunity for us to reflect on where hope is most needed and how we, as a parish, can respond with openness and action.

To guide us in this reflection, I have invited guest speakers to share their thoughts on hope during our Sunday services. As they speak, I encourage you to listen — not just to their words, but also to what stirs in your own heart. What opportunities do we have to strengthen relationships? Where might we extend our presence to bring hope to others?

Our guest speakers for the Sunday's in Lent will be:

- March 9 Rev'd Tracey Gracey
- March 16 Two members from our parish
- March 23 Luke Ritchie, Principal of St Andrew's & Rev'd Rachel Chapman
- March 30 Melissa Jones, Major of Walkerville Council
- April 6 Tammy Rees, Community Engagement Manager, Anglicare SA

May the coming season of Lent be a time of renewed purpose as we listen, discern, and step forward in hope together.

For your Prayers this week

For Our World and Environment:

- We pray for peace in nations affected by conflict, that leaders seek justice and reconciliation.
- We pray for wise economic decisions that balance national needs and global stability.
- We pray for those affected by natural disasters, that they receive the support they need.
- We pray for care of the earth, that all may act responsibly to protect creation.
- We pray for healthcare workers and scientists, that their work brings healing and hope.

The Church and its Mission:

- *Anglican Communion:* Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil and their Primate Archbishop Marinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto
- *Adelaide:* Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (Flinders Medical Centre & Repatriation Health Precinct, Noarlunga Hospital): Hilary Reddrop
- *Willochra:* Ministry District of Yorke Peninsula (Ardrossan, Maitland, Port Victoria, Point Pearce): vacant, David Amery, Christine Smith

The Murray: Op-shop volunteers and mission outreach *National Church:* Tasmania: Bishop Richard Condie

For the Community of St. Andrew's Church and Our Surrounding Community:

- We pray that St Andrew's may be a place of faith, hope, and welcome.
- We pray that all may recognise and use their gifts to strengthen our parish.
- We pray for strong connections between our church and St Andrew's School.
- We pray that local redevelopment projects support community and connection.
- We pray for those seeking faith, that they may encounter God's presence.

For Ourselves and Our Loved Ones:

We take time to rest in God's presence.

- We reflect on our week our joys, struggles, and concerns. (Pause)
- We pray for those we love, asking for health, happiness, and peace. (Pause)
- We remember those on our hearts, especially those unwell in body, mind, or spirit. (Pause)
- We open ourselves to God's love, seeking renewal and guidance. (Pause).

Those asking for our prayers:

Maggie Crewes; Lyall von Einem; Jill Berry; Rhonda Gilmour; Allan Edgar; Kathy Edgar; Dale Van Heer; Christopher Gill

<u>Years' Mind</u> Gaynor James

The Departed

We give thanks to God for all who have gone before us and who have helped to shape our lives. As we remember them, we give thanks and pray for all the faithful departed.

Matthias, apostle and martyr	24 February
George Herbert, (d. 1633), parish priest, poet	27 February
David (d. 601), bishop of Menevia, Wales	1 March

<u>Readings for next Sunday (Last Sunday of Epiphany - Transfiguration)</u> 1st Reading: Exodus 34: 29-35 Psalm 99 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2 Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

Notices

In the Parish

THANK YOU FROM TRACEY: I am looking forward to beginning this journey with you, getting to know you, sharing life and faith together and discovering where God is leading us as a faith community.

I want to acknowledge those who have carried the parish through this time of transition – our wardens, Donna and Sally; Suzanne our Office Manager; the Parish Council; the Patronage Committee; and those who worked behind the scenes to make sure parish life continued as it always has. Thank you.

A special thank you to everyone who has worked behind the scenes to prepare for my commissioning service – those who organised, cooked, set up, and ensured everything ran smoothly.

- SHROVE TUESDAY 4th March: Parish lunch at 12.30pm. Prior to that, the School has invited us to form a team for their pancakeflipping relay at 10.10am! 6 volunteers are needed to "flip" for the team. Please indicate your willingness to Tracey or the office.
- ASH WEDNESDAY 5th March: services at 10am and 7pm. You are also very welcome to join the School's service in their gym at 9am.
- ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING will take place after the 9.30am service on Sunday 30th March.
- REPORTS FOR VESTRY MEETING: Would those who usually report on their area of responsibility, please ensure these are with the office by Wednesday 5th March. Thank you!
- NAME TAGS: Please wear yours for the next few weeks as we get to know Tracey. If you do not have one, please add your name to the list at the back of the church.
- MANY THANKS to Brian and Heather Wheatley for organising a delivery of mulch from Walkerville Council and to those who helped spread it on the Church garden.

Diary Dates

Sunday 23 February Epiphany 7	9.00am	Holy Communion (sung)
Tuesday 25 February	9.00am	School service – Years 1&2 (Church)
<i>y</i>	11.00am	'Life through the Bible' (Wheatleys)
	5.30pm	Order of St Lazarus (Parish Centre)
Wednesday 26 February	y 9.30am	Office open until 5pm
	12.30pm	Rostrum Club (Parish Centre)
	2.00pm	Funeral Mrs S Quick (Church & PC)
Thursday 27 February	9.00am	School services (Church)
Friday 28 February	9.30am	Office open until 5pm
	10.00am	Tai Chi class (Parish Centre)
	10.00am	Staff meeting (Office)
	12.30pm	Cleaning (all facilities)
Sunday 2 March	8.00am	Holy Communion (said)
Epiphany last -	9.30am	Holy Communion (sung)
Transfiguration		+ Ministry of Healing
	12.00pm	Baptism (Church)
Monday 3 March	6.00pm	City of Adelaide Lions Club (PC)
Tuesday 4 March	10.10am	Pancake relay & pancakes (Oval)
	12.30pm	Parish lunch, short palm liturgy
Wednesday 5 March	9.00am	School Ash Wednesday (Gym)
	9.30am	Office open until 5pm
	10.00am	Ash Wednesday service (Church)
	2.00pm	Faith & Fellowship (Parish Centre)
	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday service (Church)
Thursday 6 March	7.30pm	Home Fellowship (Newells)
Friday 7 March		Office open until 5pm
		Tai Chi class (Parish Centre)
		Staff meeting (Office)
	1.00pm	
	-	Cleaning (all facilities)
	_	Bellringing practice (Tower)
Saturday 8 March	8.30am	Men's breakfast (Parish Centre)
Sunday 9 March First Sunday in Lent	8.00am 9.30am	Holy Communion (said) Holy Communion (sung)

Rosters for today, Sunday 23rd February (Epiphany 7)

Celebrant:	9.00am	The Rev'd Tracey Gracey
Readers:	9.00am	Ray Newell, Robin Coleman
Prayer Leader:	9.00am	Wayne Butcher
Lay Assistants:	9.00am	Sharon Gray
Server:	9.00am	Jennifer Harris
Welcomers:	9.00am	Ray Newell; Robin Coleman; Tony
		Holloway
Morning Tea	9.00am	Jennie Coleman, Margaret Gall, Donna
		Coombe, Yvonne Facy
		Cake: Jenny Harris

Rosters for next Sunday, 2nd March (Epiphany last & Transfiguration)

Celebrant:	8.00 & 9.3	0am The Rev'd Tracey Gracey
Readers:	8.00am	Brian Zwar
	9.30am	Wayne Butcher
Prayer Leader:	9.30am	Brian Wheatley
Lay Assistants:	8.00am	Darren Fleming
-	9.30am	Donna Coombe
Server:	9.30am	Jacob Harris
Welcomers:	8.00am	Brian Zwar
	9.30am	Brian & Heather Wheatley
Morning Tea	9.30am	Needra Silva; Sally Zimmerman; Helen
		Hancock
		<i>Cake:</i> TBC

Rosters for Sunday 9th March (First Sunday in Lent)

Celebrant:	8.00 & 9.3	0am The Rev'd Tracey Gracey
Readers:	8.00am	Janet Martin
	9.30am	Lyn Dow
Prayer Leader:	9.30am	Lyn Dow
Lay Assistants:	8.00am	Volunteer needed
	9.30am	Malcolm Allen
Server:	9.30am	Michael Thomas
Welcomers:	8.00am	Jan de Wit
	9.30am	Sally Zimmerman; Roy Ingram
Morning Tea	9.30am	Val Ingram; Suzanne Sexton
		Cake: Heather Wheatley